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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 April 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 21-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 21-36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 25 June 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, see pages 5-6, filed 4/25/2006, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 21-36 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Mendez et al. U.S. Pat. App. Pub. No.: US 2004/0139178 A1 have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Mendez et al. U.S. Pat. App. Pub. No.: US 2004/0139178 A1 and Cochran et al. U.S. 2002/0161867 A1.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 21-27 and 29-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mendez et al. US 2004/0139178 A1 (hereinafter referred to as "*Mendez*") and further in view of Cochran et al. U.S. 2002/0161867 A1 (hereinafter referred to as "*Cochran*").

4. Referring to claims 21, 29, *Mendez* teaches a system for configuring a network device coupled to a local network [see figure 10], comprising: configuration server coupled to a network, the configuration server coupled to a network [see paragraph 0041], the configuration server generating a web page that enables access to a configuration applet [see paragraph 0050]; node coupled to the network and the local network [see paragraphs 0050, 0072-0075], the node

including configuration applet form the configuration server onto the node via the network by accessing the web page [see paragraphs 0050, 072-0075.] *Mendez* is silent regarding the limitations of such that the configuration applet when executing on the node searches the local network for the network device. *Cochran* teaches that the computing device 14 loads a configuration assembly from a device over a network to facilitate a search on the local network for the network device [see paragraph 0040, web pages, paragraph 0043, searching the network to locate the device] in order to provide a system/method for networking a desired device, by electronically locating a desired device on a network, and remotely configuring operational parameters of the desired device via the local network.

One of ordinary skill in the art at the time of applicant's invention would have clearly recognized that it is quite advantageous for the system of *Mendez* to be able to search the local network for the network device in order to allow a user to determine whether the devices exists on the local network by searching the desired devices before configuring the network device. It is for this reason that one of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to implement system of searching the local network before configuring the network device.

5. **Referring to claims 22, 30,** *Mendez* as modified by the teachings of *Cochran*, teaches wherein the configuration server generates a set of configuration web pages that enable the user to obtain a set of network configuration parameters for the network device via the web browser [see paragraphs 0050, 0072-0075.]

6. **Referring to claims 23, 31,** *Mendez* as modified by the teachings of *Cochran*, teaches wherein the configuration web pages enable the user to enter a set of addresses on the local network for the network configuration parameters [see paragraphs 0058-0059.]

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7. **Referring to claims 24, 32, *Mendez*** teaches wherein the configuration web pages include a web page that enables the user to enter an address for the network device [see paragraphs 0058-0059.]
8. **Referring to claims 25, 33, *Mendez*** as modified by the teachings of *Cochran*, teaches wherein the configuration web pages include a web page that enables the user to enter an address for a proxy server on the local network [see paragraphs 0078-0079.]
9. **Referring to claims 26, 34, *Mendez*** teaches wherein the configuration web pages include a web page that enables the user to enter an address for the configuration server [see paragraphs 0050, 0072-0076, URL to call the global server.]
10. **Referring to claims 27, 35, *Mendez*** as modified by the teachings of *Cochran*, teaches wherein the configuration applet executing on the node transfers the network configuration parameters to the network device via the local network [see paragraphs 0050, 0072-0076, LAN.]

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

11. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

12. Claims 28 and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Mendez & Cochran* as applied to claims 21 and 29 above, and further in view of *Wendt et al.* U.S. Patent Number: 6,067,558 (hereinafter referred to as “*Wendt*”).

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13. Referring to claims 28, 36, *Mendez* as modified by the teachings of *Cochran*, teaches a system for configuring a network device coupled to a local network [see figure 10.] *Mendez* does not set forth the limitation of wherein the configuration applet searches the local network for the network device by transferring a multi-cast query message via the local network and detecting responses, *Wendt* however teaches this limitation [see column 3, lines 30-39] in order to discover elements on a network.

One of ordinary skill in the art at the time of applicant's invention would have clearly recognized that it is quite advantageous for the system of *Mendez* to be able to use multicast query messages because it allows a single device and multiple members of a device group to communicate efficiently. It is for this reason that one of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to use multi-cast query message to search for devices on a local network because it allows a single device and multiple members of a device group to communicate efficiently.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Niketa I. Patel whose telephone number is (571) 272 4156. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Fritz Fleming can be reached on (571) 272 4145. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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